

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A telephone for providing content to a client, the telephone and the client coupled to a communications network, the telephone comprising:

5 a network interface operable to couple the telephone to the communications network;

a handset operable to provide oral communication by a user of the telephone using the network interface;

10 a memory operable to store communication software and content for delivery to the client using the network interface, the content associated with the operation of the telephone; and

a processor coupled to the memory and operable to execute the communication software to enable the telephone to:

15 receive a request from the client for the content stored in the memory;
transmit the content from the telephone in response to the request, the content transmitted in a format for presentation in a graphical user interface on the client;

receive a request from the client to execute a telephone-related option selected by the user of the client in the graphical user interface; and

20 execute the requested telephone-related option.

2. The telephone of Claim 1, wherein the communications network comprises a packet-switched network.

3. The telephone of Claim 2, wherein the packet-switched network
25 comprises an Internet Protocol (IP) network.

4. The telephone of Claim 1, wherein the network interface comprises an Ethernet interface.

30 5. The telephone of Claim 1, wherein the handset comprises a microphone and speaker dedicated to telephony functions.

6. The telephone of Claim 1, wherein the content stored on the memory comprises at least one HyperText Markup Language (HTML) document.

7. The telephone of Claim 6, wherein:
5 the client coupled to the communications network comprises an HTTP client;
and
the HTML document enables a user of the telephone to remotely execute telephony functions on the telephone via the HTTP client.

10 8. The telephone of Claim 6, wherein:
the client coupled to the communications network comprises an HTTP client;
and
the HTML document enables a user of the telephone to remotely configure the telephone via the HTTP client.

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9. A remote telephone control system, comprising:
- an Internet Protocol (IP) network;
 - a client coupled to the IP network; and
 - a telephone coupled to the IP network, the telephone including:
 - 5 a network interface operable to couple the telephone to the IP network;
 - a handset operable to provide oral communication by a user of the telephone using the network interface;
 - a memory operable to store communication software and content for delivery to the client using the network interface, the content associated with the operation of the telephone; and
 - 10 a processor coupled to the memory and operable to execute the communication software to enable the telephone to:
 - receive a request from the client for the content stored in the memory;
 - 15 transmit the content from the telephone in response to the request, the content transmitted in a format for presentation in a graphical user interface on the client;
 - receive a request from the client to execute a telephone-related option selected by the user of the client in the graphical user interface; and
 - 20 execute the requested telephone-related option.

10. The remote telephone control system of Claim 9, wherein the client comprises an HTTP client.

- 25 11. The remote telephone control system of Claim 10, wherein the HTTP client comprises a Web browser.

12. The remote telephone control system of Claim 10, wherein the content contained on the memory of the telephone comprises at least one HyperText Markup Language (HTML) document.
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13. The remote telephone control system of Claim 12, wherein the HTML document allows a user of the telephone to remotely execute telephony functions on the telephone via the HTTP client.

- 5 14. The remote telephone control system of Claim 12, wherein the HTML document allows a user of the telephone to remotely configure the telephone via the HTTP client.

15. A telephone for providing content to a client, the telephone and the client coupled to a communications network, the telephone comprising:

means for coupling the telephone to the communications network;

5 means for providing oral communication by a user of the telephone using the network interface;

means for storing communication software and content for delivery to the client using the network interface, the content associated with the operation of the telephone;

10 means for receiving a request from the client for the content stored in the memory;

means for transmitting the content from the telephone in response to the request, the content transmitted in a format for presentation in a graphical user interface on the client;

15 means for receiving a request from the client to execute a telephone-related option selected by the user of the client in the graphical user interface; and

means for executing the requested telephone-related option.